



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Digital Learning Day

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day reminds us that technology and innovation have fundamentally changed how business is done and how people live their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day recognizes that we need an environment in Hawai'i for innovative industries to thrive and simultaneously apply technology to all sectors in order to raise productivity and create good jobs in all areas of the economy and for all people; and,

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day acknowledges that we must build an intellectual and social infrastructure to provide opportunities and experience for our people to become an advanced workforce that can compete in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day stresses the importance of creating an environment that fosters innovation requires that our students become technologically savvy; and,

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day reminds us that several Hawai'i schools are early adopters of technology in providing every student with a digital device such as a laptop or tablet and have demonstrated opportunities of a personal digital device; and,

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day is established in response to the 2012 State of the State calling for providing students with laptops, business and community partners, including Hawaiian Electric Charitable Foundation, Aloha United Way, and Hawai'i 3Rs, came together in the *Makana Connection* to provide digital devices and teacher training support for three schools; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day recognizes that the 2013 State of the State address announced a Digital Materials Initiative, which would be phased in over three years, to provide our public school students with high quality curricular materials on a digital device; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day acknowledges that common curricular materials on a digital device will empower our teachers and students with instructional innovations, engage our students in learning, and help our students to graduate with knowledge and preparation for using these technological tools in college and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Digital Learning Day Hawai'i is participating with other states in the second annual national Digital Learning Day on February 6, 2013, in order to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers, and the public on ways to successfully integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to help improve the learning of every student.

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2013, as

"DIGITAL LEARNING DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the school leaders promoting digital learning opportunities; community partners providing technology resources for our schools; and the Hawai'i Department of Education's vision for digital materials for all students.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth of January 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i